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AVH, UUR, [REDACTED] NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 19/1700Z TO 20/1700Z

OCTOBER 1972

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6. CONVERSATIONS ON 17 OCTOBER BETWEEN PERSONNEL OF AT LEAST ONE NORTH VIETNAMESE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE REGIMENT REFERENCED THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THANH BA ((21-27N 105-06E)), AND THE DOWNING OF A F-111. THE REFERENCES MOST PROBABLY RELATE TO THE F-111 LOST TO UNKNOWN CAUSES DURING THE EARLY 1700 HOUR ON 16 OCTOBER. ((2/00/VCK/R184-72, 171120 OCT 72 AND FOLLOW UPS)). 7. SINCE 14 OCTOBER 1972, THE 294TH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE SIX PRIMARY GCI SUPPORT RADAR COMPANIES IN THE HANOI/KEP/YEN BAI AREA. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE THAT ONE RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT HAS CONTROLLED ONLY GCI SUPPORT RADAR COMPANIES. ((2/00/VCK/R1117-72, 19 OCTOBER 1972)). 8. ON 17 OCTOBER 1972, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT STATED THAT \$BATTALIONS 76, 77, AND 78 ARE TO STRIKE ((AIRCRAFT)) AT AN ALTITUDE LESS THAN 500 METERS ((1625 FEET)). ONLY BATTALION 78... IS PERMITTED TO STRIKE AIRCRAFT AT AN ALTITUDE OF LESS THAN 400 METERS ((1300 FEET)). \$ ALL THREE BATTALIONS WERE NOTIFIED THAT THEY WOULD BE WARNED IN ADVANCE OF ANY OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE LOW ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT AND THAT WHEN CONDUCTING LAUNCHES AT THESE AIRCRAFT, THEY WERE NOT TO EMPLOY ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SUPPORT. ((2/00/VCK/R1118-72, 20 OCTOBER 1972)). PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY 1 A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS BETWEEN 1032 AND 1033, ONE MIG-21 PILOT AND BETWEEN 1641 AND 1643, ONE MIG-21 PILOT WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT PHUC YEN. 2. HANOI GIA LAM FIGHTERS TWO MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED COMBAT MANEUVERS FROM 0930 TO 0957. ONE MIG-21 PILOT ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN 1147 AND 1203. 3. KIEN AN FIGHTERS ONE MIG-19 PILOT ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY FROM 0956 TO 1020. 4. KEP FIGHTERS THREE MIG-17 PILOTS CONDUCTED PRACTICE AIR ATTACKS FROM 0751 TO 0820. 5. INTERAIRFIELD FIGHTER FLIGHTS ONE MIG-21 PILOT FLEW FROM HANOI GIA LAM TO PHUC YEN BETWEEN 1112 AND 1124. ONE MIG-21 PILOT FLEW FROM HANOI GIA LAM TO PHUC YEN BETWEEN 1126 AND 1140. 6. GIA LAM TRANSPORTS FROM 1024 TO 1028, ONE AN-2 PILOT WAS NOTED LANDING AT GIA LAM AFTER ENGAGING IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 7. INTERAIRFIELD TRANSPORT FLIGHTS FROM 0058 TO 0130, AND FROM 0154 TO 0235, ONE LI-2 PILOT FLEW FROM PHUC YEN TO YEN BAI TO HANOI GIA LAM. PASSENGERS WERE NOTED ON THE FLIGHT FROM YEN BAI TO HANOI GIA LAM. FROM 0221 TO 0234, AND FROM 0337 TO 0345, ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM HANOI TO PHUC YEN AND BACK TO HANOI. FROM 0816 TO 0856, ONE UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTER FLEW FROM HANOI TO PHUC YEN WITH CARGO. THE AIRCRAFT ALSO CONDUCTED A TEST FLIGHT DURING THIS

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TIME, PRIOR TO THE INTERAIRFIELD FLIGHT, POSSIBLY TO SEE IF THE HELICOPTER  
COULD HANDLE THE HEAVY CARGO. BETWEEN 0935 AND 1005, ONE MI-6 PILOT FLEW FROM  
HANOI TO HOA LAC AND BACK TO HANO. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY - NTR C. RADAR ACTIVITY  
NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GIANT SCALE SR-71 FLOWN  
OVER SOUTH VIETNAM, NORTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND THAILAND DURING THE 0400 TO 0600  
HOURS AND A BUFFALO HUNTER DRONE FLOWN IN THE HANOI AREA DURING THE 0100 HOUR.  
D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS - NTR PART THREE, ADDENDA/CORRECTIONS WAS FOR  
18/1700 TO 19/1700 OCTOBER 1972, 3/00/ [ ] VCA-E/R295-72. 201955 OCTOBER 1972;  
PART TWO, ALFA, EIGHT, ADD, FROM 0839 TO 0920, THE [ ] RETURNED [ ]  
FROM HANOI GIA LAM. XXHH 000 08612 HHHH

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